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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: COMMENTS ON THE HOVE DISMISSAL BY
MOZAMBICAN MINISTER OF STATE MONTEIRO

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1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF NAMIBIA REPORTED REFTTEL, SECRETARY VANCE ASKED MOZAMBICAN MINISTER OF STATE MONTEIRO AND SERGIO VIEIRA THEIR REACTION TO THE APRIL 28 DISMISSAL OF JOINT JUSTICE MINISTER HOVE FROM THE RHODESIAN TRANSITION GOVERNMENT. MONTEIRO SAID HE THOUGHT THIS DEVELOPMENT SHOWED THE RECTITUDE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT POSITION FROM THE BEGINNING. HE FELT THINGS ARE MOVING NOW FOR THE PF.

2. VIEIRA COMMENTED ON HOW UNPREDICTABLE AND CHANGEABLE MUZOREWA IS. HE SPECULATED THAT THE BISHOP IS REGRETTING HAVING GOTTEN PULLED INTO SMITH'S INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. MUZOREWA WANTS TO BE THE FIRST TO "JUMP OFF THE TRAIN," BUT HE IS AFRAID HE WILL NOT "FIND A SEAT IN THE NEXT TRAIN." MONTEIRO SAID MUZOREWA MIGHT USE THE HOVE INCIDENT AS AN EXCUSE TO BAIL OUT OF THE INTERNAL REGIME. HE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE U.S. TO HELP ASSURE HIM THAT HE HAS A ROLE WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE
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ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN -- THAT HE INDEED DOES "FIND A SEAT ON THE NEXT TRAIN," IF HE LEAVES THE INTERNAL REGIME.

3. THE SECRETARY SAID WE ARE CONTINUING TO PUSH FOR AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING IN THE BELIEF THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH A VIABLE BASIS FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION. OTHERWISE, IT IS CLEAR THE TRANSITION WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED.

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